



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



FEBRUARY 24, 2014 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, February 24, 2014 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of February 18, 2014. Brown, Combs, and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Chairman Brown announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Brown approved the Agenda as submitted and the February 18, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give the weekly update on the road department. Buescher did not have anything. Warren discussed several projects currently going on. Van Kirk Bros. Construction has moved equipment in for Project C-65(642), located in Nelson Precinct, on Road 3200 between 1600 & 1640. The Road is closed and the bridge has been taken out. They are currently putting in the shoofly. Warren will have a Pre-Construction Meeting on Project BR1990 (7) In Superior, 8th Street Bridge on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. The Construction Company TCW Construction is requesting an early start date. Project C-65(692) located at 2680 Road Z in Victor Precinct to have stringers replaced hopefully this week. The Road Department has 3 motorgraders and a pup trailer in getting repairs this week. Last week Warren had the guys out using the road groomers on the county roads.

A motion was made by Combs to accept the Sheriff's November & December 2013 Board Reports as submitted and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

Diane Wehrman, County Court Clerk Magistrate met briefly with the Board to announce Law Day as being on April 29, 2014. Law Day is for all the 5th graders from Superior School and Lawrence-Nelson school. The Board was in favor of purchasing back packs for the students this year.

Royce Gonzales & Vicki Ensign met with the Board to request additional funds to purchase 4 color printers for various county offices. The printers are quoted at \$629.99 each for a total purchase of \$2,539.92. **A motion was made by Corman to authorize an additional \$2,600.00 for the purchase of 4 color printers and Combs seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Wim Kersten, Berggren Architects met with the Board to review the findings of the gutter system of the Nuckolls County Courthouse. Also present is Timothy Schmidt, County Attorney. Kersten noted the original gutters are still in place, however they are badly corroded. There was replacement gutters put in previously, however they are also failing. Kersten has been in contact with Weather Craft to discuss options for the gutters. Kersten believes the best option is to take a section of the gutter system apart and make the repairs. He does not have a cost amount for this project at this time. Kersten requested the manufacture and color of the new shingles as there will possibly be some damage to the shingles that are closest to the gutters. Kersten noted he should have the cost from Weather Craft by end of the week. The Board has requested to have this on the agenda next Monday for approval. Kersten is also working on the floor plan and noted he is close to half done.

Tim Horst with Ducks Unlimited is requesting the County to partner with them in applying for a NAWCA Grant which will allow Ducks Unlimited to use old funds to apply to the matching funds. The County spent \$16,000.00 towards new tubes for a county road leading to the Rainwater Basin on Road 4600 between Sections



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15 & 16, T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct). The Board discussed with Horst the issues associated with Wetlands America Trust and Ducks Unlimited in Nuckolls County and other neighboring counties. It was discovered that when Ducks Unlimited purchases real estate to reestablish the wetlands they will typically sell back to private owners and the ground goes back to the tax rolls after 5 years. The NAWCA Grant funds are used to help purchase land to restore back to the wetlands. **A motion was made by Corman to partner with North American Wetlands Conservation Act to allow them to use the already used dollars of \$16,000.00 towards the NAWCA Grant and Brown seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, Combs voted nay. Motion carried with a majority vote.**

Chairman Brown recessed at 10:34 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization.

Chairman Brown reconvened at 10:45 a.m. for regular session of the Board of Commissioners.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board held a hearing to hear public comment on the proposed 2014 One & Six Year Plan for the Nuckolls County Road Department. Present for the hearing is the 3 Commissioners, Clerk Kassebaum, Highway Superintendent, Gary Warren and Cindy Buescher, Road Department Executive Secretary. No public attended. **A motion was made by Brown to approve the 2014 One & Six Year Plan for the Nuckolls County Road Department and Corman seconded the motion. Brown voted aye, Combs voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

As there is no further business the meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m. until Monday, March 3, 2014.

Arnold Brown, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk